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METHOD AND DEVICE FOR INSPECTING OPTICAL DEVICE

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Abstract

PROBLEM TO BE SOLVED: To detect the phase of interference light in an inspecting device which inspects interference light between a beam passed through an optical system to be inspected and reference light created from a section of the beam.
SOLUTION: A beams L transmitted through an optical system 3 to be inspected forms an point image on a pin hole 10 formed in a plate 8. Interference light between measuring light Lm from the point image and reference light Lr diffracted at the pin hole 10 among beams from the point image is received by an observing system 15, and an the image of interference fringes created by the interference light is picked up by a pickup element 20. By vibrating the plate 8 in directions across the beam L or along the light passage of the beam L, heterodyne interference light is created, and the phase of each section of the interference fringes is detected with high accuracy.

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which passed through tested optical system, pass through
pinhole of moving diffraction plate in order to generate
diffracted reference beam corresponding to portion of
main beam.
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BASIC ABSTRACT:

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NOVELTY - A main beam (L) is made to pass through a tested optical system (3). The main beam, which passed through the tested optical system, is made to pass through the pinhole (10) of a moving diffraction plate (8) in order to generate a diffracted reference beam (Lr) corresponding to a portion of the main beam. DETAILED DESCRIPTION - An INDEPENDENT CLAIM is included for an optical system inspection apparatus.

USE - For testing optical characteristic e.g. wavefront aberration of optical apparatus. For testing the projection optical system of exposure system used in lithography process of semiconductor device manufacture.

ADVANTAGE - Ensures highly precise detection of the phase of interference light, thus highly accurate evaluation of aberration can be performed corresponding to actual conditions used. Ensures highly precise evaluation of optical characteristic of projection optical system.

DESCRIPTION OF DRAWING(S) - The figure shows the schematic block diagram of an optical system inspection apparatus. (3) Tested optical system; (8) Diffraction plate; (10) Pinhole; (L) Main beam; (Lr) Diffracted reference beam.

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